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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 122, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/212,726 |
| Filing Date | December 15, 1998 |
| First Named Inventor | Klaus Schuegraf F. |
| Group Art Unit | 2813 |
| Examiner Name | Erik Kiehn |
| Attorney Docket Number | MI22-1098 |

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a) (PUS6/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the period term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practices, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50097 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14856 (Mar. 20, 2000); 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which establishes RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Associate Power of Attorney, Article by Collin et al., Marked-up version of Amendment(s)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No 23-0025
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) \$740.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) \$400.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2036 enclosed)

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please replace the indicated claims with the following clean versions of the claims. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). Cancel all previous versions of any pending claim.

A marked up version showing amendments to any claims being changed is provided in one or more accompanying pages separate from this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii). Any claim not accompanied by a marked up version has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version, except that marked up versions are not being supplied for any added claim or canceled claim.